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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS REPORT OF 4 JULY 1974 MEETING BETWEEN
ROMANIAN REP AND CANADIAN REP

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEMO OF JULY 4 BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN
ROMANIAN REP (ANINOIU) AND CANADIAN REP (GRANDE)
WHICH WAS CIRCULATED BY CANADIAN REP AT 5 JULY AHG
MEETING.

BEGIN TEXT:

ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN NO ADVANCE CONSULTATION WITH THE
ROMANIAN DELEGATION, MR. POPESCU EXPRESSED SOME SATISFACTION THAT
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THE BULGARIAN PLENARY STATEMENT OF JULY 4 HAD REFLECTED VIEWS ON

BALKAN SECURITY ISSUES WHICH, FORMERLY, HAD BEEN HELD ONLY BY THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION AMONG THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. ON ENQUIRY, HE SAW NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS BULGARIAN STATEMENT AND ANY DISCUSSION ON BALKAN SECURITY AT THE MEETING IN MAY OF THE WARSAW PACT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, BUT DID REFER TO BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ZHIVKOV AND CEAUSCESCU IN JUNE WHICH, HE SAID, HAD IDENTIFIED SOME COMMON POSITIONS ON BALKAN SECURITY ISSUES. IN ANSWER TO AN ENQUIRY ABOUT ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BULGARIA AND ROMANIA ON THIS SUBJECT, HE ALLUDED TO ROMANIA'S WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO MULTILATERAL DISCUSSION "TOMORROW" ON BALKAN SECURITY ISSUES, AS DISTINCT FROM BULGARIA'S ESPOUSAL OF A SEQUENTIAL APPROACH GIVING FIRST TREAT TO CENTRAL EUROPE.

2. IN ANSWER TO AN ENQUIRY ABOUT ANY SPECIAL ROMANIAN CONCERNS, POPESCU SAID THAT ROMANIA WOULD BE CONCERNED IF SOVIET WITHDRAWALS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA RESULTED IN INCREASED SOVIET TROOP PRESENCE IN HUNGARY. IN ANSWER TO A FOLLOW-UP ENQUIRY ON ROMANIA'S VIEWS ON THE STATUS OF HUNGARY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, POPESCU STATED AFTER SOME PAUSE THAT ITS EASTERN EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURS WERE FAMILIAR WITH ROMANIAN POSITION THAT FOREIGN TROOPS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM ALL EUROPEAN STATES.
END TEXT.RESOR

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